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McMorris Rodgers Adopts One Year Moratorium on Earmarks

(Washington, D.C.) Today, Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers announced she will not seek earmarks this year.

The House Democratic Majority is forcing Republicans to choose between accepting a moratorium on earmarks or continuing the status quo. "Business as usual is not acceptable," McMorris Rodgers said. "Time and time again I've seen where the earmark process has been used and abused for personal and political gain. Congress needs real earmark reform."

McMorris Rodgers supports creating a bipartisan panel of Members who will examine the current process, seek public input and suggest changes to the earmark process—one that guarantees transparency and accountability.

"I am proud of my earmark record which bears this out," McMorris Rodgers said. Using this process, I've acquired earmarks for the sole purpose of enhancing Eastern Washington business, agriculture, cultural, and educational interests.

"I support earmarks but not under the current system. Our tax dollars should be used wisely or not at all. We simply can't continue with the current system - it hurts tax payers and the people of our region. Eastern Washington has many valuable projects that I believe will be funded under a new and improved system. I am hopeful we will use this year to make changes that will make taxpayers proud."

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